Influenza Vaccine Dosing Algorithm for Children Aged 6 Months through 8 Years
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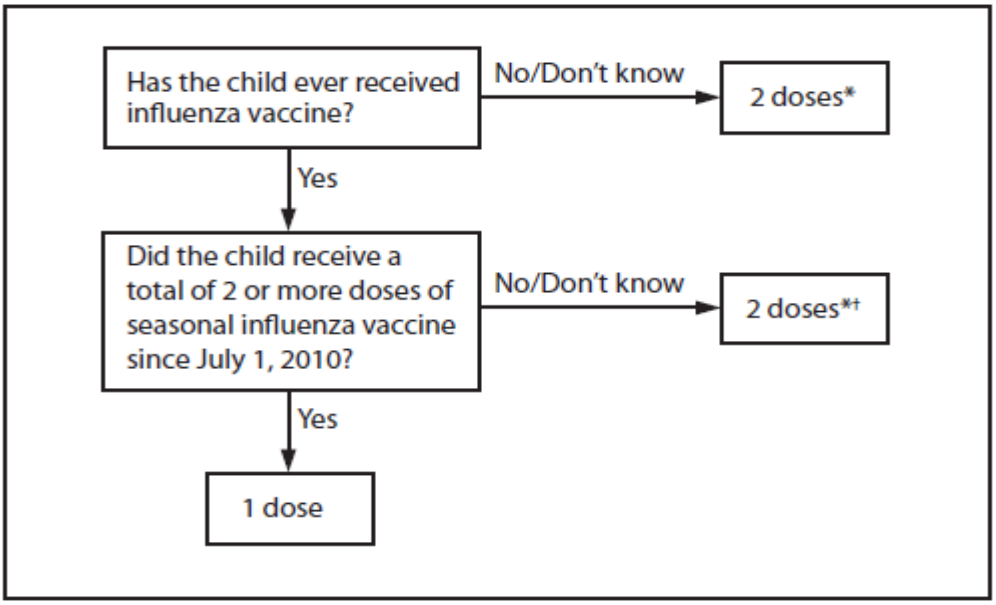

* Doses should be administered at least 4 weeks apart.
† For simplicity, this algorithm takes into consideration only doses of seasonal influenza vaccine received since July 1, 2010.

As an alternative approach in settings where vaccination history from before July 1, 2010, is available, if a child aged 6 months through 8 years is known to have received at least 2 seasonal influenza vaccines during any previous season, and at least 1 dose of a 2009(H1N1)-containing vaccine (i.e., either 2010–11, 2011–12 or 2012-13 seasonal vaccine or the monovalent 2009[H1N1] vaccine), then the child needs only 1 dose for 2013–14.

Using this approach, children aged 6 months through 8 years need only 1 dose of seasonal influenza vaccine in 2013–14 if they have received any of the following:

1) 2 or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine since July 1, 2010;
2) 2 or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine before July 1, 2010, and 1 or more doses of monovalent 2009(H1N1) vaccine; or
3) 1 or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine before July 1, 2010, and 1 or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine since July 1, 2010.

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